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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO NUCLEAR ACCORD PRESSURES

1. SUMMARY: ESTADO ANALYSIS FEB 13 CLAIMS TWO FACTORS
NOW CONDITION DEBATE ABOUT NUCLEAR ACCORD: A) FRG-GOB
RESISTANCE TO CHANGE, AND B) TIME FACTOR. ARTICLE SEES
BONN AND BRASILIA'S STONEMAN AS MUTUALLY REINFORCING
AND NOTES GOB STRATEGY IS NOW TO BE SILENT AND WAIT.
NEXT ACT WILL BE DISPATCH OF AMERICAN EMISSARY TO BRAZIL,
ACCORDING TO ESTADO, BUT BRAZILIANS WILL NOT TALK ABOUT
ANYTHING BUT GLOBAL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION.
REGARDING TIME FACTOR, ARTICLE NOTES THAT PRESIDENT'S
HONEYMOON WITH THE CONGRESS WILL SOON BE OVER AND OTHER
COMPLICATED INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WILL DILUTE US
OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR ACCORD. ONE DAILY IN CAPITAL ALSO
CARRIED HARSH PERSONAL CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER
CALLING HIS POLICIES PRO-COMMUNIST AND NOTING AMERICANS
WERE DOING PENANCE FOR THEIR PAST SINS BY PUSHING HARD
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FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND AGAINST PROLIFERATION. THREE MDB
DEPUTIES FEB 10 CAME OUT AGAINST FRG-GOB AGREEMENT, BUT
THEIR INFLUENCE IS LIKELY TO BE NEGLIGIBLE. END SUMMARY

2. IN LONG ESTADO ARTICLE FEB 13, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
CARLOS CONDE CLAIMED TWO MAJOR FACTORS NOW CONDITION THE
DEBATE OVER THE FRG-GOB NUCLEAR ACCORD: THE RESISTANCE OF

BONN AND BRASILIA TO CHANGING THE ACCORD AND THE TIME FACTOR. CONDE ARGUED THAT FRG HAS DUG IN AGAINST CHANGING THE ACCORD AND THE US WILL NOT USE ITS TRUMP CARD OF THREATENING A PULL OUT OF ITS FORCES FROM WESTERN EUROPE FOR FEAR OF COMPROMISING EUROPEAN DEFENSE. THE GOB ATTITUDE COMPLEMENTS THE FRG POSTURE AND THERE IS SIMILARLY NO SIGN THE GOB WILL GIVE IN AS LONG AS THE FRG STANDS FIRM AGAINST US PRESSURES. GOB POSITION BOILS DOWN TO FACT THAT FROM ITS PERSPECTIVE, SIGNATURE OF THE ACCORD WITH THE FRG WAS A SOVEREIGN ACT. ACCORD WAS SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE OBJECTION OF THE US TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS. THE ACCORD IS A PEACEFUL ACT INDISPENSABLE TO BRAZILIAN DEVELOPMENT; THEREFORE, GOB WILL NOT SUSPEND OR ALTER THE AGREEMENT EITHER IN LETTER OR IN SPIRIT. GOB, HAVING MADE IT POINTS REGARDING THE ACCORD TO SECRETARY VANCE, WILL NOW "BE SILENT AND WAIT."

3. CONDE CONTINUED THAT GOB SEES NEXT ACT IN THE DEBATE TO BE THE VISIT OF A HIGH RANKING US VISITOR TO BRASILIA. PAPER NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS ADMITTED THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY DESIGNATE CHRISTOPHER IS A POSSIBLE EMISSARY. ESTADO ADDED THAT GOB HAS DECIDED NOT TO SEND ANYONE TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. IF THE US SO DESIRES, BRAZIL WILL NOT REFUSE TO TALK, BUT ONLY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF "THE GLOBAL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION." THE NUCLEAR ACCORD WILL NOT BE A SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION. CONDE ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA'S VACATION DURING THE PASS WEEK IS MEANT TO BE A SIGNAL OF THE GOB'S CONFIDENCE NOT ONLY TO THE BRAZILIAN PUBLIC, BUT ALSO TO THE GERMANS AND AMERICANS.

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4. CONDE ALSO CLAIMED TIME WILL WORK AGAINST US INTERESTS. PRESIDENT CARTER'S HONEYMOON WITH THE CONGRESS WILL SOON BE OVER, AND COMPLICATED INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS LIKE PANAMA, CUBA, SALT, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST WILL DILUTE US EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARDS CHANGING THE ACCORD. IN THIS REGARD CONDE NOTED THAT THERE ARE ALREADY SIGNS OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND UN AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND DIFFICULTIES AHEAD FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE "POLEMICAL PROBLEM" OF PANAMA.

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5. FEB 13 PRESS ALSO CARRIED HARSH PERSONAL CRITICISM OF
PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS POLICY TOWARDS BRAZIL. CORREIO
BRASILIENSE ATTACKED PRESIDENT CARTER, CALLING HIM "A CALAMITY"
FOR THE US, AMERICA AND THE WORLD. ARTICLE ACCUSED PRESIDENT
OF SERVING INTERESTS OF THE USSR THROUGH HIS OVERTURES TOWARDS
DUBA, WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA, SELL
OUT OF ISRAEL AND WHITES IN RHODESIA, AND LASTLY FOR EFFORTS
DESIGNED TO KEEP BRAZIL OUT OF THE NUCLEAR CLUB, AN EFFORT
ENDORSED BY NONE LESS THAN IZVESTIA. PAPER ASKED "WAS IT
ONLY TO PLEASE THE MEN IN THE KREMLIN" THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD
BEEN WILLING TO ATTACK THE FRG-GOB ACCORD? CORREIO CONCLUDED
THAT PRESIDENT WAS A DEMAGOGUE WHO WANTS TO DEAL WITH FRIENDLY
COUNTRIES LIKE HIS ANCESTORS FROM GEORGIA DEALT WITH NEGRO
SLAVES FROM AFRICA ON THEIR PLANTATIONS.

6. NO LESS HARSH WAS COMMENTARY BY RECTOR AZEVEDO OF UNI-
VERSITY OF BRASILIA WHO IN JORNAL DO BRASIL SAID AMERICAN
WERE "INEBRIATED" WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AS A FOLLOW ON TO THEIR
INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS PROBLEMS OF THE 1960S. HE
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WONDERED IF THE PRESIDENT THOUGHT BRAZIL HAD THE SAME PROBLEMS
AND SUGGESTED THAT BRAZILIANS COULD GIVE THE AMERICANS "POST-
GRADUATE" COURSES IN RACE RELATIONS. RECTOR SUGGESTED US
DESIRE TO HALT FRG-GOB NUCLEAR ACCORD WAS DRIVEN BY COMMERCIAL
INTERESTS, CLAIMING, IN A REFERENCE TO THE BECHTEL INCIDENT
OF MARCH 1975 THAT WAS TRUNCATED, ALMOST CERTAINLY DELIBERATELY,
THAT US FIRMS HAD OFFERED BRAZIL SAME FULL CYCLE PACKAGE
ULTIMATELY AGREED TO WITH FRG. HE ADDED THAT AFTER YEARS OF
RACIAL PROBLEMS, HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BOMBINGS AND WATER-

GATE, AMERICANS WERE ON A PENITENCE BINGE TO EXPIATE THEIR OWN SINS. US MUST REALIZE THAT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY HAS NOT BEEN FOR A LONG TIME A SYMBOL OF MILITARY STATUS BUT ESSENTIAL TO BRAZILIAN DEVELOPMENT.

7. AZEVEDO ALSO STRESSED THAT ACCORD WOULD STIMULATE BRAZILIAN TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT. HE SAID: "IN TRUTH, IT IS NOT CORRECT TO THINK THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BRAZIL OBJECTIVES ARE LIMITED TO THE SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN. THIS IS RECOGNIZED. IT (THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OBJECTIVES) ALSO REQUIRES ABOVE ALL A TECHNOLOGICAL EFFORT WHICH WE WILL CARRY OUT ALONE, THOUGH IN A GREATER PERIOD OF TIME THAN THAT PROVIDED IN THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH FRG."

8. IN A MORE POSITIVE VEIN, JORNAL DO BRASIL FEB 10 REPORTED THAT THREE MDB DEPUTIES LED BY WALTER SILVA PUBLICLY OPPOSED FRG-GOB AGREEMENT, ARGUING THAT NUCLEAR PLANTS CREATED HARMFUL WASTES. SILVA ASKED THAT BRAZIL SIGN NPT IF GOB WANTED PLANTS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. LASTLY, SILVA ARGUED THAT BRAZIL SHOULD DEVELOP ITS OWN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY LIKE ARGENTINA TO AVOID WASTING FOREIGN CURRENCY AND DEPENDENCE UPON OTHER COUNTRIES.

9. COMMENT: SIMILAR MDB VOICES HAVE BEEN RAISED IN THE RECENT PAST BUT THEY HAVE BEEN VASTLY OUTNUMBERED EVEN WITHIN THEIR OWN PARTY BY PROPONENTS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY. THERE IS NO REASON TO ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION TO THE FRG-GOB ACCORD (OR SUPPORT FOR USG EFFORTS) FROM WITHIN MDB. IN FACT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT SEEMS QUITE LIKELY THAT CONGRESS AS A WHOLE WILL GIVE THE GEISEL POSITION A RESOUNDING ENDORSEMENT WHEN IT CONVENES MARCH 1. END COMMENT
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